GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF LIGHT COMBAT AIRCRAFTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have started production of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA);

(b) if so, the cost of each aircraft;

(c) the extent to which it is likely to meet the demand of fighter aircrafts of the Country; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(c) No, Sir. LCA is still in the development and flight testing stage.

(b) As per the present estimates, the cost of each LCA is likely to be Rs. 72.54 crore.

(c) The LCA has been designed, based on Air Staff Requirement (ASR) issued by the Indian Air Force, to replace current fleet of fighter aircraft after full exploitation of the life potential.

(d) Not applicable.